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Letter dated 28 March 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the English translation of a note verbale dated 13 March 2000 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Note verbale dated 13 March 2000 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran and has the honour to state the following:

According to the reports received from the authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the acts of hostility, as described hereunder, were carried out by the terrorist elements of the Mujahidin-e Khalq Organization (MKO), currently authorized by the Iraqi Government to station on Iraqi soil with a view to embarking on acts of sabotage against the Islamic Republic of Iran:

1. On 6 February 2000, seven terrorist elements belonging to the MKO, possessing two heads of camel, infiltrated the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the Ilam General area and fired 16 82-mm mortar rounds in an attack in the direction of one of the Iranian border posts. On their way back to Iraqi territory, they planted one TV mine on the Chalat sand road, which injured three Iranian conscripts.

2. On 6 February 2000, at 0220 hours, one terrorist group belonging to the MKO fired 35 mortar shells across the border from Iraqi soil, targeting the Khanlili area inside the Islamic Republic of Iran.

3. On 6 February 2000, at 0220 hours, one terrorist group belonging to the MKO, infiltrating the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the Sumar area, fired 63 82-mm mortar rounds in an attack in the direction of the Sumar district. While returning to Iraqi territory, the terrorist group left behind two 82-mm mortar launchers, one mortar tripod, two heads of horses and a number of spades.

4. On 6 February 2000, at 0230 hours, a number of terrorist elements belonging to the MKO, infiltrating the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran, fired 20 120-mm mortar rounds in an attack on the Ghasr-e Shirin-Khosravi access, injuring one Iranian conscript.

5. On 10 February 2000, at 1800 hours, one terrorist group belonging to the MKO fired two mortar shells and at 1850 hours one mortar shell in the direction of the Bahram-Abad sentry post in the Mehran area.

6. On 11 February 2000, at 0230 hours, the terrorist elements belonging to the MKO fired 10 mortar rounds in an attack across the border from Iraqi soil onto the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in the Mosian area.

7. On 12 February 2000, at 0100 hours, the terrorist elements belonging to the MKO, intent on infiltrating the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in the Baiat area, retreated to Iraqi territory after having been intercepted by the border guards of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

8. On 12 February 2000, at 0100 hours, one terrorist group belonging to the MKO, intent on infiltrating the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in the Dehloran area, retreated to Iraqi territory after having been intercepted by the border guards of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

9. On 12 February 2000, at 0140 hours, one terrorist group belonging to the MKO, infiltrated the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran and fired 10 mortar rounds in an attack in an area near the city of Mosian.

10. On 12 February 2000, at 0150 hours, the terrorist elements belonging to the MKO fired 14 82-mm mortar rounds in an attack across the border from inside Iraq onto territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in the Mosian area.

11. On 13 February 2000, at 1000 hours, the terrorist elements belonging to the MKO began shooting from inside Iraqi territory, in the direction of one of the Iranian sentry posts in the Dehloran area.

12. On 15 February 2000, at 1930 hours, one terrorist group belonging to the MKO, intending to infiltrate the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the Jofeir area, retreated to Iraqi territory, after having been intercepted by the border guards of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

13. On 17 February 2000, at 2300 hours, one terrorist group composed of three elements belonging to the MKO, intending to infiltrate the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran, at the Sableh access point, retreated to Iraqi territory after having been intercepted by the border guards of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

14. On 18 February 2000, at 2345 hours, one terrorist group belonging to the MKO who had infiltrated the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in south-east Mosian, clashed with the border guards of the Islamic Republic of Iran and subsequently returned to Iraqi territory. As a result of the clash, one Iranian conscript was martyred.

15. On 18 February 2000, at 2300 hours, one group composed of 15 terrorist elements belonging to the MKO, intending to infiltrate the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran at the northern Meimak access point, retreated to Iraqi territory after having been intercepted 200 metres inside Iranian territory by the border guards of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

16. On 18 February 2000, at 2400 hours, one terrorist group belonging to the MKO, intending to infiltrate the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in the area of the Anbar river post, retreated to Iraqi territory after having been intercepted by the border guards of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

17. On 19 February 2000, the terrorist elements belonging to the MKO fired 7 107-mm mortar rounds in an attack across the border from Iraqi soil in the direction of the general area of Ghasr-e Shirin.

18. On 19 February 2000, at 0200 hours, the terrorist elements belonging to the MKO, fired three rounds of 120-mm mortar in attacks across the border from Iraqi soil onto territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in the general area of Dehloran.

19. On 19 February 2000, at 0015 and 0100 hours, one terrorist group belonging to the MKO, having infiltrated the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in the general area of Ilam, clashed with the Iranian border guards. Subsequently, they retreated to Iraqi territory, leaving behind one head of donkey, one head of horse, one 120-mm Korean-made mortar launcher, 10 mortar shells, six empty bags, one spade, one empty backpack, two metal silique and one water-purifying powder pack.

20. On 19 February 2000, at 0100 hours, 10 mortar rounds were fired in an attack across the border from Iraqi soil onto the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in the Ilam area.

21. On 19 February 2000, at 0115 hours, eight 107-mm mortar rounds were fired in an attack across the border from Iraqi soil onto the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in the area of Ghasr-e Shirin.

22. On 19 February 2000, at 1200 hours, the terrorist elements belonging to the MKO fired 12 107-mm mortar rounds in an attack from the Aghdagh heights in the direction of the city of Ghasr-e Shirin.

23. On 19 February 2000, at 0126 hours, the terrorist elements belonging to the MKO, infiltrating the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran, fired eight mortar rounds in an attack in the general area of Bahramabad.

24. On 21 February 2000, at 2200 to 2300 hours, one terrorist group belonging to the MKO, intending to infiltrate the territory if the Islamic Republic of Iran from the general area of Talaeea, retreated to Iraqi territory after having been intercepted by the border guards of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

25. On 21 February 2000, from 2200 to 2300 hours, one terrorist group belonging to the MKO, intending to infiltrate the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran from between the Talaeea and Zavia-Kooshk areas, retreated to Iraqi territory after having been intercepted by the border guards of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

26. On 21 February 2000, from 2300 to 2400 hours, one terrorist group belonging to the MKO, intending to infiltrate the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran from the general area of Fakka, retreated to Iraqi territory after having been intercepted by the Iranian border guards.

27. On 23 February 2000, at 1410 hours, five 82-mm mortar rounds were fired in an attack across the border from Iraqi soil, into territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in the area of Abziadi.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, strongly protesting against the above-mentioned acts of hostility, holds the Government of the Republic of Iraq responsible for the adverse consequences of such acts resulting from the provision of sanctuary to the terrorists of the MKO on Iraqi soil and the creation of favourable conditions for them to organize armed acts of terrorism and sabotage against the Islamic Republic of Iran, contravening international norms and principles as well as the Charter of the United Nations. The Islamic Republic of Iran, while respecting Iraq's territorial integrity and the principles of good-neighbourly relations, considers the continuation of such acts of hostility to be intolerable and reserves its right to legitimate self-defence as well as removal of any threats.